

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2201
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2001
DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL EXPRESSWAYS IN MAHARASHTRA
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to develop an additional expressways connecting Mumbai-Nasik-Dhulia-Jalgaon-Nagpur(N.H. 3 and N.H. 6) via Sambalpur to Kolkata in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposed expressway from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Silchar to Saurashtra do not cover Mumbai;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have also been requested to increase the scope of National Highways Development Project Programmes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not, the reason therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(MAJOR GENERAL(RETD.)
KHANDURI, AVSM)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The proposed four/six laning of National Highways from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Silchar to Saurashtra under National Highway Development Project does not cover Mumbai. However the Golden Quadrilateral under NHDP connects Mumbai.
- (d) to (g) National Highway Development Project route was declared by the Government, keeping in view the traffic volume and the need to provide a shorter route. Even though there have been requests for increase in scope of NHDP, no such changes are envisaged.